King George VI - 'Victory' issue.

The issue retrospectively commemorates the victory in Europe achieved by the 'Allied Nations' on 8th May 1945, and three months later, victory over Japan on 15th August 1945. Special slogan 'Victory Bells' postmarks had been prepared by the G.P.O as early as 1943, but didn't see authorised use until 8th May - 9th June 1945, and again 15th August - 15th September 1945.



Designers

- *H L Palmer* (c1906-????), artist and chief etcher employed by Harrison & Sons Ltd, produced the 2½ design.
- Alan Reynolds Stone (1909-1979), wood engraver, letter cutter, postage stamp and bank note designer, graphic artist, and painter, produced the 3d. Reynolds Stone also designed a number of QEII commemoratives, and the first series of Welsh Regionals.



Successful design submitted by Harrison & Sons Ltd.

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Printing details

Printed in photogravure by Harrison & Sons Ltd.

Printed in sheets of 120 stamps, arranged in 20 rows of six stamps.

Issued date - 11th June 1946. Counter supplies were not exhausted until late November 1946.

Quantities sold



2½d - 307,832,520

220 dies

3d - 43,185,720



109 dies

The issue is known on 273 different dies.

In 1946 there would have been around 3,367 G.B. Perfin dies still in commercial use.

Perfin figures correct to 1st January 2019.

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The following table lists all known Perfin dies found on the 'Victory' issue of King George VI.

	Cat No.	Letters	2½d SG491	3d SG492
1	A0770.01M	A.B./Ltd	2½d	
2	A0830.01M	A/Bros	2½d	
3	A1010.09M	AC	2½d	
4	A1690.01M	AD/CL		3d
5	A2220.01	A.F.	2½d	
6	A2280.01	A.F./Co.		3d
7	A2720.02M	A.H		3d
8	A4000.01	A.M.P	2½d	3d
9	A4160.03	AN	2½d	
10	A4640.01M	AP/&/SLd	2½d	
11	A5090.01M	A.S./H.	2½d	
12	A5780.01	A.W/E.B	2½d	
13	A5800.04M	AWG	2½d	3d
14	B0015.14	В		3d
15	B0023.02M	B (Diag)		3d
16	B0060.04	BA	2½d	3d
17	B0240.01M	BAT	2½d	
18	B0570.01M	BB/CF	2½d	
19	B0845.01M	B.B./M.	2½d	3d
20	B1110.05M	BC	2½d	
21	B1110.12M	BC	2½d	
22	B1130.04	B.C	2½d	
23	B1150.02	B.C.	2½d	3d
24	B1200.02M	BC/BC	2½d	
25	B1260.01	B.C./C.		3d
26	B1445.01	B/C.M	2½d	
27	B1660.02M	BCS	2½d	
28	B2045.01	B.D/Co.Ld.	2½d	3d
29	B2640.01	BFA	2½d	
30	B3030.01M	B.G/Co	2½d	
31	B3470.03	BH/WG	2½d	
32	B4580.01M	BL/W	2½d	
33	B4850.01aM	B.M/&Co.		3d
34	B4870.01	BMH	2½d	
35	B4980.01	BM&S/Ltd.	2½d	
36	B5375.02M	BofM		3d
37	B5750.01M	BP/D	2½d	3d
38	B6190.01M	BRCo/Ld	2½d	3d
39	B6430.06M	B&S	2½d	
40	B6490.01M	BSA		3d
41	B6710.08	B&S/L	2½d	
42	B6730.01M	B&S/Ld		3d
43	B6840.01cM	B/SS	2½d	
44	B6860.04M	BS/&S	2½d	
45	B7060.02M	B.T	2½d	
46	B7180.02M	B/TH	2½d	3d

	Cat No.	Letters	2½d SG491	3d SG492
47	C0007.01M	С	2½d	
48	C0011.04M	C		3d
49	C0013.01M	С		3d
50	C0270.02M	C/AN/S	2½d	
51	C0530.02M	C.B/B	2½d	3d
52	C0875.01	C.B/Ld.	2½d	3d
53	C1010.04M	CB/WH	2½d	
54	C1380.03	CC/L	2½d	
55	C1430.01	C&C/Ld.	2½d	
56	C2400.01M	C.E./S.Co.	2½d	3d
57	C2520.01	C with F inside	2½d	
58	C2570.02	C/FM	2½d	
59	C3660.01M	CICoLd		3d
60	C3930.01M	C&/J.H.	2½d	
61	C4210.01b	CL	2½d	
62	C4570.01	CL/P/AC	2½d	
63	C4650.02	C/Ltd	2½d	3d
64	C5520.01M	C/of/A	2½d	3d
65	C5840.02M	CPA	2½d	3d
66	C5880.01M	C.P.C.	2½d	
67	C6500.01	C.R/&Co	2½d	
68	C6760.03M	CS	2½d	3d
69	C6860.01M	C.S.C		3d
70	C6900.01M	CS/Co	2½d	
71	C7140.01M	CS/L/SA	2½d	
72	C8280.03	C.W.	2½d	
73	C8310.01	C&W		3d
74	C8560.01M	CW/SLd.	2½d	3d
75	D0290.01	D&B/B	2½d	
76	D0640.01M	D.C/A	2½d	
77	D0850.01M	D&Co	2½d	
78	D0930.01M	D&Co/Ltd	2½d	
79	D1330.01	DDCo/Ltd	2½d	
80	D1770.02	D.F.	2½d	3d
81	D2080.03	D&G	2½d	3d
82	D2260.02aM	DHE	2½d	3d
83	D2330.01	D.H./R.D.C.	2½d	
84	D2730.01M	D.L.	2½d	
85	D3890.01M	DP/TCo.	2½d	
86	D4110.01	D.R.Co.	2½d	
87	D4120.02	DR/Co	2½d	2.1
88	D4120.04	DR/Co	2½d	3d
89 90	D4490.01M	DS/IR	21/4	3d
90	D4710.06aM	DT	2½d	3d
91	E0270.02M	E.B	2½d	
92	E0520.01M	E.C.	2½d	2.1
	E1620.01M	EFS/S	2½d	3d
94	E3110.01M	EMW	2½d	2.1
95	E3460.01	E.P./&C		3d

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96	E3490.02M	EP/&Co		3d
97	E4110.03M	ES		3d
98	E4170.02b	ES/&/AR	2½d	
99	E4660.03	ET	2½d	
100	E4960.02M	EW	2½d	
101	F0008.10	F		3d
102	F0850.01	F&Co./(N/S)/Ld.	2½d	
103	F2460.01M	FLd		3d
104	F3580.01	FRY	2½d	
105	F4450.01	FWH	2½d	
106	G0040.01	G.	2½d	
107	G0170.01M	GAS	2½d	
108	G1540.01M	GE/C	2½d	3d
109	G1820.01	G.F/S	2½d	
110	G2220.01	G.H.H	2½d	
111	G2830.01	G.J.N.	2½d	
112	G2960.02	GK		3d
113	G3160.02	GLd/B	2½d	3d
114	G4280.01	GR/&Co	2½d	
115	G5450.01	G.W./C.	2½d	
116	H0011.01M	Н	2½d	3d
117	H0012.11	Н	2½d	
118	H0280.01	HAW		3d
119	H0730.01M	H&B/Ld	2½d	
120	H1390.01	H.C.L	2½d	
121	H1740.01	H.C.W.	2½d	
122	H2240.01mM	HEAT in Frame	2½d	
123	H2710.01	H.F./L.	2½d	3d
124	H2980.01	H&/GS	2½d	
125	H4240.01	HK/BL	2½d	
126	H4280.01aM	HKL	2½d	2.1
127	H4490.01M	H/Ld	2½d	3d
128	H4630.02a	H.L/R	2½d	2.1
129	H4670.01	HLtd		3d
130	H5520.01	H/(O)/Ltd	21/ 1	3d
131	H6750.01M	H&S/Ltd	2½d	3d
132	H7250.01M	H.T./S.	2½d	2.4
133 134	H7780.01 I0420.01M	H.W/Ld ICI		3d 3d
134	I0420.01M I0430.01	I.C.I	2½d	Su
136				
137	I1280.01 I1380.01aM	I.I./Co IJG/CLd	2½d	3d
137	I1580.01aM	IJG/CLa IL	2½d	3d
139	I2530.01	I.T/Co	∠72U	3d
140	J0009.01	J		3d
141	J0009.01 J0650.03aM	JB/&Co.		3d
141	J0695.01M	JB/Co.Ld.		3d
143	J0870.01	J.B/Co.Ld.	2½d	3u
143				24
144	J0940.01	JB&S	2½d	3d

	Cat No.	Letters	2½d SG491	3d SG492
145	J1280.01mM	JC mono	2½d	
146	J2120.01	J.D./Ltd.	2½d	
147	J2150.02M	JD&S	2½d	
148	J2270.03M	JDW/M	2½d	3d
149	J2780.01M	JF/&Co.		3d
150	J3120.01M	J.G.K/&/C.L	2½d	
151	J3190.01	J.G.N	2½d	
152	J4850.01M	J.L./B.	2½d	3d
153	J4970.01M	J/LD	2½d	
154	J4980.01	J.L/Ld	2½d	3d
155	J5360.01	J.M./HX		3d
156	J6180.01	J.P.J.		3d
157	J6220.01	J.P/S	2½d	
158	J6230.02M	JP/&S	2½d	3d
159	J6230.06M	JP/&S		3d
160	J6420.01M	J.R.	2½d	
161	J7150.01	J&S/M		3d
162	J7180.01M	J[&/N]S	2½d	
163	J7780.01M	J.T./&/J.T.	2½d	3d
164	J8270.03M	JW	2½d	
165	J8280.06	J.W	2½d	
166	K0009.01M	K	2½d	
167	K0110.01M	K.B/B		3d
168	K0320.01M	KC/H	2½d	
169	K0340.02M	KC/L	2½d	
170	K1560.02M	K.S	2½d	
171	L0060.01	L.A.C.	2½d	
172	L0290.02a	L/B	2½d	
173	L1330.01	LCT	2½d	
174	L1590.01	L.D./M.	2½d	3d
175	L1930.01	L.E./&P.	2½d	
176	L3530.02a	L&L/FO	2½d	
177	L4140.01M	LN/E	2½d	3d
178	L4140.02M	LN/E	2½d	
179	L4860.03	LS	2½d	
180	L5600.02M	LU/&R	2½d	
181	L5770.01	L.W	2½d	
182	M0390.01M	M.B.	2½d	
183	M1040.04	M&C	2½d	
184	M1300.01	Mc.I/HM	2½d	
185	M2320.01M	M.E/&Co	2½d	
186	M2900.01	MH/A	2½d	2.1
187	M3620.01	M.L	2½d	3d
188	M4550.01	MP/P	21/1	3d
189	M5860.01M	M.V/Co.	2½d	3d
190	N0750.01M	NCS	2½d	2.1
191	N0790.01	NC/&S	21/1	3d
192	N1660.01	N.H/C	2½d	3d
193	N2750.03	NR/C	2½d	3d

	Cat No.	Letters	2½d SG491	3d SG492
194	N3380.01	NUL	2½d	3d
195	O0160.01M	OB	2½d	3d
196	O0477.01M	Co in O	2½d	
197	O0870.01	O&H/L	2½d	
198	P0160.01	PAGE	2½d	3d
199	P0920.01	P&C	2½d	
200	P1090.05	P&Co.	2½d	
201	P2610.01M	PJ	2½d	
202	P3220.01M	P.M./S.T.	2½d	
203	P3500.02	P&O/Co.	2½d	3d
204	P3500.04	P&O/Co.		3d
205	P3540.01M	POTTER		3d
206	P3910.03M	PR/L	2½d	3d
207	P4380.01	P.S/NC	2½d	
208	P4630.01M	P&T	2½d	
209	R0010.01M	R	2½d	3d
210	R0012.10M	R	2½d	
211	R0013.04M	R	2½d	3d
212	R0014.01	R	2½d	
213	R0031.01	R	2½d	3d
214	R1480.01	R.D/Ld.	2½d	
215	R3530.02	RM/&S	2½d	
216	R4060.01	RP/J	2½d	
217	R4380.01	RR/&Co./Ld.	2½d	
218	R4440.01	RR/&S	2½d	
219	R4625.01	RS&C/Ltd		3d
220	R4830.04M	R&S/Ld	2½d	3d
221	R4860.02M	RS/M	2½d	
222	R5560.01p	RU/DC	2½d	
223	S0011.20	S		3d
224	S0460.03bM	SB	2½d	
225	S0590.01M	SB/C		3d
226	S0630.03bM	SB/Co	2½d	
227	S1220.01	S.C	2½d	
228	\$1580.01	SC/Ld	2½d	2.1
229	S2350.01M	S\&\E	21/ 1	3d
230	\$2550.01	S.E./H.	2½d	2.1
231	S3060.03BM	SG	2½d	3d
	S3780.01M	S.I.C.	2½d	3d
233	S4080.01	S.J/S	2½d	
234	\$4590.01	S.L.S	2½d	24
236	\$4640.01 \$5630.01M	S/Ltd		3d
237	S5630.01M	S Crown O	2½d	3d
238	S5890.01	SPERO	∠72U	2.1
239	S6440.08M S6440.09	S&S S&S	2½d	3d
240	S6440.11M	S&S	2½d	
241	S6490.01M	S.S/C	2½d 2½d	
241				24
242	S7080.02	S.T.	2½d	3d

	Cat No.	Letters	2½d SG491	3d SG492
243	T0080.01	T.A./A.	2½d	
244	T0770.03M	T.C	2½d	
245	T2095.03	T.H.B		3d
246	T2230.01	THH/N	2½d	
247	T2470.01M	T.I.C.	2½d	
248	T3110.01	T.M	2½d	
249	T3220.01	TMcL/&Co	2½d	
250	T4040.03	T&S	2½d	
251	T4090.01	T.S./C.		3d
252	T4500.02	T.T./&Co.	2½d	
253	U1170.01b	U.L	2½d	
254	V1330.01M	VO/CoL	2½d	
255	W0015.11	W	2½d	
256	W0430.03M	W.B.	2½d	
257	W0600.02	W.B/Co.L	2½d	
258	W1020.01M	W.C.	2½d	
259	W1120.01M	W.C/C.Ld	2½d	
260	W1150.01	WC/CoLd	2½d	
261	W3010.01	W&/GB	2½d	
262	W3250.01	W.G/&S	2½d	
263	W3450.02M	W/H	2½d	
264	W4670.01	WJ/&S	2½d	
265	W4980.03M	WLd		3d
266	W5400.01M	W.M./M.	2½d	3d
267	W5480.01	WM/UDC	2½d	
268	W6695.01	W/&S	2½d	3d
269	W6780.01M	WS/CC	2½d	
270	W7380.01M	W.T.C		3d
271	W7740.05	WU/DC	2½d	
272	W7970.01	W.W/B	2½d	
273	Y0610.01M	YK/C	2½d	

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